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"TIP RIVER FRIEND" UP. BALFOUR MAY RESIGN SOON

PROVES MOST GENIAL.

Influence of a Dead Hand in Mutual Reserve's Affairs.

a soft voiced, mild mannered, white haired togenarian yesterday identified himself before the legislative insurance committee as W. S. ganning. Senator Depew's "friend up the river." the famous letters written to the Senator by John A. Nichols, Mr. Manning had been de-



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fled yesterday at the insurance investigation.

scribed as "rantankerous." Before he had half completed his testimony Mr. Manning made it clear that the adjective might as well have en applied to the Santa Claus of childhood. As has been the usual result before the com-

mitter when two men under oath testified to the same matter, Mr. Manning's account of his relations with the insurance companies was strikingly different from that sworn to by Mr. Nichols. Mr. Nichols declared he had received \$1,000 a year for many years from each of the "Big Three" Life insurance companies, and out of this had paid Mr. Manning \$1.350, and at some times \$1,550. Mr. Manning testified that he had never received more than \$450 a year and lately only \$300. Mr. Nichols will probably he asked to come back and clear up this discreponey as well as another concerning the use be made of \$18,400 received by him in three payments in 1888, 1883 and 1890.

The mystery of Mr. Manning's hostility to inmies that made necessary the influence of Mr. Nichols's soothing interposition, Mr. Manning explained with great readiness and with a geniality that quite laid at rest any sinister charge about his good nature made The Miller legislative investigation, he testified, had not printed its testimony in full and accurately, and where a witness had answered "no," the report, strangely enough, take, Mr. Manning had foregathered with the official stenographer, and the result was a book printed secretly in Mackensack, which showed the true version and indicated the mistakes in the other text. In this book, also, were included a variety of other facts, the reading of which could hardly have inspired confidence in the mind of the average policyholder with refcrence to insurance business or officers

MR. NICHOLS APPEARS.

At this stage in the proceedings and in the year 1888, Mr. Nichols appeared and talked with Mr. Manning. The result was that no more copies of the book were printed. The copies that had been printed were turned over at \$10 aplece, and Mr. Manning began to receive his retainer of \$450 a year, in return for which he held himself ready to render services, which he was never asked to render. It was while the book was being discussed Mr. Hughes turned one of the neatest tricks of the whole investigation. In talking about his book, Mr. Manning

"I don't believe there is one to be bought in the United States."

"Is this the book you mean?" retorted Mr. Hughes, producing one from a heap of papers. "I'll give you \$10 for that now," was the sprightly answer when the witness had rewered from his surprise. Evidently he had imagined the insurance companies had bought up the edition. Mr. Manning was equally certain that he had never made threats and that he had had no dealings with Senntor Depew. But not even when he learned that Nichols had held ont' two-thirds of the "bush money" did Mr. Manning show any evidence of becoming "rantankerous." Moreover, he steadily maintained that he never had dealings with any insurance company and dealt solely with Nichela.

MUTUAL RESERVE AFFAIRS.

While the Manning incident was the most amusing that has yet enlivened the proceedings of the investigation, far more actual importance belongs to the revelations regarding the Mutual Reserve affairs, which were opened up for the first time yesterday. A remarkable instance of the exercise of power by a "dead man" was disclosed in the will by which the former president, E. B. Harper, bequeathed to the Mutual Reserve a contract entitling him to 20 cents on every \$1.000 of insurance obtained by the company, on the condition that Frederick A. Burn-ham should be chosen his successor. The postmortem regulations went further and provided that Mr. Burnham should inherit all Mr. Har-per's proxies 'to vote as if I were alive.' After the disclosure of the facts concerning Burnham's election it was shown that a secret fund was provided for, the use of which was not brought out, although it was shown that in one form or another this fund had persisted up to the presher this fund had persisted up to the pres-

ent time.

Hardly leas interesting were the facts brought out regarding the increase by the Mutual Reserve of assessments to pay expenses. An assessment of \$1,300 on a \$5,000 policy was shown in a policy written in 1801. The heirs benefiting by this policy would thus receive only \$3,700, while the policyholder was forced to pay interest on the full sum. It was shown that a litigation over this method of assessment had been carried before the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain. Before him it was held that the policy was "trick; and deceptive," and he sustained the contesting policyholder it, his redusal to pay the assessment. Vice-President George D. Eldridge of the Mutual Reserve was on the stand most of the day, and Frank H. Platt of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, a son of Senator Platt, appeared as counsel for the company.

WHY MANNING WAS PAID.

He Tells of Dealings with Nichols and of His Book.

Mr. Manning took the stand late in the afterneon. Most of the day he sat alternately watching the proceedings and telling his neighbors that he was not "rantenkerous," and that he had done nothing but what was legitimate. As he took the stand at last, the audience saw

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To-morrow, rain; southwest to south winds. NEW-YORK. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1905. -FOURTEEN PAGES.- to The Tribune Association

ENGLISH CRISIS AT HAND.

Dissolution of Parliament Expected -May Be Elections in January.

London, Nov. 24.—This morning's newspapers are unanimous in their belief that the meeting of the Cabinet to-day will result in the resignation of Premier Balfour.

The speech of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman at Stirling is the subject of much comment, owing to his downright adoption of home rule for Ireland as a plank of the Liberal platform. The Unionist "Daily Telegraph" expresses its elation in an editorial, and contends that Sir Henry is driving a wedge into his own party infinitely more destructive than the rift existing in the Unionist party.

London, Nov. 23 .- Tremendous activity developed in political circles to-day in consequence of the circulation of an apparently well founded report that Premier Balfour had decided to bring his ministry to a close, and to directly or indirectly appeal to the country.

Rumors regarding the resignation of the Cabinet and the dissolution of Parliament have been thick for three months past, but when two of the leading government organs to-day, almost in the same terms, "suggested" the immediate resignation of the Premier on account of the unmendable breach in the Unionist party over the fiscal question, the "suggestion" was looked upon as having been inspired by Mr. Balfour himself.

This was strengthened by the knowledge that prior to the publication of the editorials Mr. Balfour met certain influential persons at his official residence in Downing-st. These two facts, when coupled, led to the belief that the Premier had intimated at the conference his intention to resign, and as he had just returned from a visit to King Edward at Windsor Castle it was believed that his majesty had been informed of Mr. Balfour's intentions. Beyond this, however, there is not the slightest official confirmation of the report.

All political interest now centres in the Cabiet meeting to be held to-morrow, at which it is understood the situation will be discussed. Some well informed persons go so far as to say that Mr. Balfour will go from the meeting to King Edward with the resignations of himself and the other members of the Cabinet,

Conservative and Unionist papers are in favor of the resignation of the Cabinet, which will place the Liberals on the defensive in case Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman consents to form a Cabinet, but the Radicals say that the resignation will only mean dissolution, as Sir Henry, if requested to form a Ministry, would certainly decline to do so until the verdict of the people became known. The Liberal papers point out that, while Mr. Balfour may attempt this "tactical move," they are confident it will fall on every side, and that therefore the dissolution of Parliament is believed to be imminent. There is no thought, however, that a political campaign will be forced prior to the beginning of the year, with the elections some-

where about the end of January, The Associated Press understands that forces have been at work inside the party for some time to bring about the present situation. One prominent Unionist recently wrote to the Premier, asking whether it would be considered disloyal if he introduced early in the next sesrion a resolution bringing the whole fiscal question squarely before the House. He told the Premier that the Unionists got tired of being twitted concerning their attitude on the fiscal question in the last term of Parliament, when they repeatedly declined to take part in debates or divisions, in deference to the wishes of Mr. Balfour. The Premier's reply was not given out, but The Associated Press understands that in any event the Unionists intended to push such a resolution, which they believed would mean defeat of the government,

The political situation has been so radically altered in the last week that even the government supporters no longer argue that Mr. Balfour has a sufficiently united party at his back again to meet Parliament with the object of initiating any legislation to the public advantage. The Premier's appeal to the Unionists at Newcastle a week ago to unite on his fiscal policy has not met with much success. On the contrary, Joseph Chamberlain, the most powerful private chamber member of the Unionist coalition, directly joined issue with his chief by a speech at Bristol on Tuesday calling on Unionism to rally to the support of his own more drastic fiscal proposals, which include a 50-cent tax on grain.

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The cleavage of the party was thus more markedly accentuated and many Unionist politicians hold that no good purpose could be served by a longer retention of office and that the weakness of the party will only be further accentuated by a perpetuation of the existing rivalries between the two sections.

The Cabinet meeting called for to-morrow will be only the second held this fall, and the fact

that there have been so few conferences between the Ministers is taken as another indication of the imminence of a change of government. On the Stock Exchange a definite announce-ment of the resignation of the Cabinet was ex-pected at any time and the whole market to-day

was flat in consequence. LIBERAL LEADER'S VIEWS.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Says Air Has Been Cleared.

Stirling, Scotland, Nov. 23.-Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, leader of the Liberal party, speaking here to-night, said that the air had been cleared to some extent by Premier Balour when, addressing the National Union of Conservative Associations at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on November 14, he said: "I am not afraid of the Opposition, but of my own friends." and by Joseph Chamberlain at Bristol, when he said: "Away with all lame ducks and blunt

The Liberals, said Sir Henry, might have had sympathy for Mr. Balfour if they knew his policy, but no one knew if that policy was to deliver the Conservative party from or to Joseph

Chamberlain.

Sir Henry plainly outlined his attitude toward home rule for Ireland. He said that the only way to heal the difficulties of the Irish government and to make Ireland strong toward. and to make Ireland strong instead of was to give the Irish people the manage-of their own domestic affairs. He said that opinions regarding Ireland in this resp were becoming stronger.

LORD STANLEY HOWLED DOWN.

West Houghton, Lancaster, England, Nov. 23. -Lord Stanley, the Postmaster General, was booked for a speech to his constituents here tonight. On entering the hall he found it packed with members of the Labor party and was unable to find a place on the platform. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution of want of confidence in the government. Lord Stanley later endeavored to deliver an address from the balcony of the Conscrvative Club, but was

NEW PHILADELPHIA EXPRESS.

Via Pennsylvania Raliroad, beginning November 27. Leave New York 9:25 A. M. week days. Parlor car and coaches.—Advt-

THE ÆGEAN SEA AND THE DARDANELLES. Where the naval demonstration of the powers against Turkey will take place.



PANIC FOLLOWS FIRE.

Moving Picture Film Blaze Starts Scramble, Injuring Several.

New-Milford, Conn., Nov. 23.-The big celluloid film of a moving picture machine, which was being shown in the Town Hall here to-night, suddenly caught fire. The hall was in total darkness, and the sudden burst of flame and smoke set the 400 persons in the audience in a panic. A mad rush was made for the door, and in the scramble to get out of the building many women and children were trampled on. Mrs. Beda Hagstrom was the most seriously injured, although her injuries are not believed to

The two operators of the machine, Messrs. Norton and Haycock, of Danbury, Conn., were burned, their injuries being painful, though not dangerous. Two thousand feet of film were burned up, and it was necessary to call the fire department before the fire could be extinguished.

It is stated that an electric spark from a crossed wire started the fire.

SOLD FOOTBALL TICKETS.

President of Yale Medical Freshmen Asked to Resign.

New-Haven, Conn., Nov. 23 .- Horace Betts Garnsey, of Waterbury, president of the freshman class at the Yale Medical School, was charged to-day with having sold his tickets for the Yale-Harvard game to speculators, and at a meeting of the class this noon was asked to resign his position by a majority vote. It is charged against President Garnsey that he applied for three tickets to the game and asked for six more on applications of two other medical school students, and sold the nine to speculators.

The Yale football officials say that they caught Garnsey in the act of selling his own tickets. Claringey makes no defense, but has refused to

resign his office as class president. The two friends who gave Garnsey their tickets will lose the right to apply again for four years.
The Vale football managers have found only a few tickets in the hands of speculators. A list of all Yale men whose tickets are found in speculators, hands will be published after the season ulators' hands will be published after the scason closes on Saturday. The medical school stud-cuts, it is said, will hold meetings to request further action by the faculty.

CASTS OFF THE COUNT

Minister Leishman and His Son-in-Law Part, It Is Said.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pittsburg, Nov. 23 .- Social Pittsburg is talking to-night of a published story that John G. A. Leishman, United States Minister to Turkey, has closed his purse to his son-in-law, Count Louis de Coutaut-Biron, in Paris, and that the nobleman who married Miss Leishman has been ordered from the Paris home of the Leishmans. The story comes from Paris by letters to friends Stories of the expanditures of the count have reached Pittsburg for a long time, and it is understood that the break has been long ex-pected, but those interested in the family neither deny nor confirm the latest report.

NO FLAG FOR PRINCE.

Chorus Girl Fined Because She Wouldn't Wave One in His Honor.

Because she would not wave a tiny British flag the night Prince Louis and his staff were at the Majestic Theatre, which was November 15. May Leslie, a sprightly member of the "Wonderland" chorus, has been fined \$15, which was deducted from her salary. She promptly handed in her two weeks' notice, and yesterday, through her lawyers, Russell & Winslow, informed Julian Mitchell that she would sue for damages, since he fine was imposed on the ground of insubordination. Miss Leslie refused to wave the British flag because she is Irish.

"This prince came all the way over from England just to make a poor little Irish girl lose most of her week's pay," she pouted yesterday.

All the chorus carried British flags in the "Nature Song" number the night of November 15. The flags were sent by the British officers, and Julian Mitchell told the girls how to wave

them.

Miss Leslie, however, refused point blank, and no amount of coaxing or threats could compel her. She says she's not the first Irish martyr.

HUNTER BADLY HURT.

Robert Potter Gets Ugly Fall in Ride to Hounds.

Hempstead, Long Island, Nov. 23 (Special).-Robert Potter, riding with the Meadow Brook hounds to-day, came such a severe cropper near the first check that he was partly unconscious for some time, and even when he had recovered seeme After being taken to the Meadow Brook Club

it was found that he was quite badly injured, and he was removed to the Nassau Hospital, where he will be for some time. He broke his collarbone and three ribs. He was also hadly bruised. His hunter rolled on him, and that he was not fatally injured was remarkable. Mr. Potter is a member of the Westchester Hunt Club.

OFFER \$25,000 FOR FIRE ISLAND.

Albany, Nov. 23.—The State has received an offer of \$25,000 for Fire Island, which it purchased several years ago. The offer came to the Land Board to-day from John V. Putnam, of New-York, but no action was taken.

ISIX HURT IN L. I. SHAFT.

Drill Hits Unexploded Cartridge of Old Blast.

Six men were seriously injured and twenty others badly bruised at midnight by an explosion in the shaft being sunk in 42d-st. near 3d-ave. for the tunnel which is to extend from Long Island City to the Grand Central Station. There were sixty men working in the shaft at the time. The injured were taken to Bellevue Hospital, and are said to be in a precarious condition. They are:

BURDEN, Emmet, thirty-five years old, of No. 255 West 30th-st.; lacerated wound of left hand; probable in-ternal injuries. CARSEN, Frank, thirty years old, of No. 551 East 149th-st.; contusions

DUGAN, William, forty years old, of No. 145 West 63d-st.; contusions of scalp. ISLINGOND, Nicholas, twenty-five years old, of No. 551 East 149th-st.; scalp wounds. JANSEN, Joseph, thirty-two years old, of No. 102 West 33d-st.; scalp wounds.

RANDOLPH, William, twenty years old, of No. 118 West 184th-st.; abrasions and cuts on hands, neck and

Twenty other laborers who were badly cut by pieces of rock were taken to their homes. The explosion occurred a few moments before midnight, when the laborers were drilling. One of the drills struck a cartridge that had not exploded in a former blast, and the moment it did the cartridge exploded with a terrific noise, tearing out huge pieces of rock, which flew up into the street. The men were seventy feet under the surface and could not escape

Cashier of Seattle Assay Office Confesses, Says Wilkie.

Washington, Nov. 24.-Chief Wilkie of the Treasury Secret Service has been advised of the arrest of George Adams, the cashier of the assay office in Seaule. Chief Wilkie says Adams confessed to stealing \$35,000 in gold since last March. Twelve thousand dollars in currency was found on him.

"Adams says he will make complete restitution," says Wilkie. "Meanwhile, the books are examined to discover whether the confessed shortage covers the entire amount. "Adams" has two brothers in Amsterdam, N. Y., who are highly respected. He has an uncle, Jasper Van Wormer, now president of the Al-

ARCTIC EXPLORER FAILS.

Captain Amundsen Loses Ship Searching for Magnetic Pole. Dundee, Scotland, Nov. 23.—George Cleveland,

of Massachusetts, returned to Dundee to-day from a whaling expedition in Davis Strait, bringing news from Esquimau sources that Captain Amundsen's Arctic expedition ship Gjoa had been crushed in the ice at Boothia Felix, the northernmost part of the mainland of North America, and that the explorers escaped, and have been living with the natives. The Dundee whalers who were appointed to meet Captain Amundeen with storcs have not been able to trace him.

Captain Ronald Amundsen was the first office of the Belgic when Gerlach sailed on his Arctic expedition in 1897-1899. On his return from that trip Captain Amundsen conceived the idea of scarching for the magnetic pole as the result of a conversation with Professor Neumayor, of Ham-burg, who told him the discovery of this pole would be of inestimable value to science. The expedition left Christiana on June 17, 1906, on board the whaling ship Gjoa, with a four years' equip-

DANCING IN STAMFORD SCHOOLS.

Stamford, Conn., Nov. 23.—The pupils of the Stamford public schools are being taught the waltz and two-step and the innovation is causing much serious thinking and many long faces among the citizens. Instructions in dancing began at Cove School when E. G. Peckham, supervisor of physical training, showed the pupils the waltz and two-step at the request of Principal Nichols and his assistant, Miss Murphy. Immediately the other schools asked for it. Now all the upper grade pupils and the High School pupils are learning the steps. The female teachers assist Mr. Peckham. "The work is intended to supplement physical

work and to develop gracefulness," said Mr. Peckham. "It is not compulsory."

PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE HURT.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pittsburg, Nov. 23.—Charles A. Painter, president of the Pittsburg Stock Exchange, was injured while driving from Allegheny to his offices this morning. His buggy was caught between two street cars which came into collision. The buggy was ground to pieces. Mr. Painter was thrown out and sustained serious cuts and bruises about the head and body.

CALL COAL MINERS' STRIKE CERTAIN.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Cleveland, Nov. 23.—"The Leader" to-morrow will print a story from Max Hayes, the well known labor leader, in which he quotes President Mitchell and other officials of the United Mine Workers as saying that a big strike in the bituminous coal

GENERAL CHANGE OF TIME ON PENN.

TO ENTER TURKISH WATERS

FLEET WILL SAIL TO-DAY.

To Proceed to Mitylene or Besika No Wish to Resume "Precisely His Bay.

Vienna, Nov. 23.-Baron von Calice, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Constantinople, has telegraphed Admiral Ritter von Jedina for a portion of the international fleet, to sail immediately, proceeding either to Mitylene, on the island of Lesbos, in the Grecian Archipelago, belonging to Turkey-in-Asia, or for Besika Bay, near the entrance of the Dardanelles.

Athens, Nov. 23 .- It is understood that the international fleet will sail to-morro The foreign ministers to-day paid visits to the commanders of the warships of their respective countries. The commanders later held

a conference on board the Austrian flagship. THE SULTAN'S ATTITUDE.

Not Known Whether Rejection of Demands Is Absolute or Not.

Constantinople, Nov. 23.-The Sultan to-day ssued an irade approving the decision of the Council of Ministers to reject the demands of the powers for international control of the Quigg, William Barnes, jr., Robert C. Morris, finances of Macedonia. Whether the rejection s absolute or conditional has not yet been definitely ascertained.

Vice-Admiral Husni Pacha has started on a special steamer for the Dardanelles, presumably 15th; Henkel, 18th; Gilman, 19th; Gruber, 21st; with instructions for the commander of the forts regarding the latter's conduct in the event of the appearance of the international 14th; Hackett, 7th, and Neal, of the 30th. fleet. Similar instructions have been sent to the governors of the Turkish islands in the archipelago.

Paris, Nov. 23 .- Turkey's note in reply to the ultimatum of the powers contains a warning that the action of the powers in resorting to a naval demonstration may precipitate an internal uprising of Mussulmans against the Christian population of Turkey. This is considered to be a threat, as it is known that no demonstration of Mussulmans against Christians can occur unless it has the silent acquiescence of the Turkish authorities.

The answer of the Porte as a whole is entirely unsatisfactory, as it does not respond to the demand for the extension of the authority of the financial agents of the powers for two the financial agents of the powers for two years, and is evasive upon the question of general control by the powers of the financial affairs of Macedonia. All the ministers except the Minister of War favored yielding to the ultimatum, but palace influences led the Sultan to overrule the favorable attitude of the Porte. These influences are considered to be the outgrowth of Germany's abstaining from taking on active part in the naval demonstration.

The Turkish reply gives a serious turn to the negotiations.

THREAT FROM BULGARIA.

Measures Fail.

London, Nov. 23 .- The correspondent of "The Daily Chronicle" at Vienna says the Bulgarian government has informed one of the signatory powers of its determination to march troops into Macedonia if the powers fail to carry out their measures for Macedonian reforms.

The Vienna correspondent of "The Standard" thinks Austria may reopen the question of the conversion of her occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina into actual possession.

The Ottoman provinces of Bosnia and Herzego-vina were handed over by the treaty of Berlin to the Austro-Hungarian government for administra-tion and military occupation. The direction of the administration of the two occupied provinces is exerclased by the Bosnian Bureau, intrusted to the common Austro-Hungarian Finance Minister in Vienna in the name of the Emperor-King.

FINDS SON A MARINE.

Wealthy Young Australian Serving in Brooklyn.

After searching for his son in many parts of the world for nearly two years and a half, A. C. Beale, a prominent manufacturer of Sydney, Australia, and president of the federal council of that city, found the young man on Wednesday serving in the United States Marine Corps. Captain Catlin of the marine barracks at the Brooklyn navy yard, where the marine has been stationed, gave the young man, who had enlisted under the name of David North, a leave of absence of forty-cight hours.

He went with his father to a Manhattan hotel and had not returned to the barracks last night, It is probable that Mr. Beale may take some steps to have his son discharged from the ser-

vice.

It is said that Mr. Beale, who is known as one of the leading financiers in his city, is worth several million dollars. One of his reasons in coming to this country is to learn something about the life insurance situation here, as it has been developed by the present investigation. He is interested in certain insurance problems in Australia, and has been commissioned to study the American problem. It is understood that he has letters to President Roosevelt.

YELLOW FEVER SESSION.

Louisiana Legislature May Abolish State Board of Health.

New-Orleans, Nov. 23 .- A special session of the Louisiana Legislature probably will be called for the beginning of January to deal with the yellow fever situation in the South, and to make some changes in regard to the arrangement of the State and parish health boards. Several of the most prominent members of both Houses, including Lieutenant Governor Sanders, have declared in favor of this special session.

It is probable that the State Health Board will be abolished entirely, as it was shown in the recent epidemic that it accomplished little beyond being a bureau for the reception and dissemination of information as to the extent of the fever in various parts of the State. called for the beginning of January to deal

SUICIDE AT WEST POINT.

West Point, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Private William R. McClosky, of the detachment of cavalry stationed McClosky, of the detachment of cavairy stationed at the United States Military Academy, to-day committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Mc-Closky enlisted in Chicago, and was sent here about a month ago. He had been absent from the post without leave for several days.

MAY PROBE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Milwaukee, Nov. 22.—Governor La Foliette purposes to have an insurance investigation committee appointed at the special term of the Wisconsin appointed at the special term of the wisconsin-Legislature. This committee, which will investi-gate the Northwestern Mutual Life, will be organ-ized on and work along lines similar to the New-York committee.

SYLVANIA RAILROAD.

On Sunday, November 25, a general change of time tables will be made on the Pennsylvania Railroad System.—Advt.

For Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo Niagara Falls and the West, the New York Central has trains at \$5.25, 19:20, \$1.25, a. m.: 1:92, 1:93, Railroad System.—Advt.

PLATI URGES OLCOTT.

PRAISE FOR PARSONS.

Old Responsibilities."

The fight for election of chairman of the Rea publican County Committee has developed into a warm one, plainly indicating that there is good, warm, healthy blood in the local organization. While - Congressman Herbert Parsons only entered the race forty-eight hours ago, he has shown a great deal of strength, and many politicians last night were inclined to believe that he would be the winner. Candidates con tinue to crop up. William Halpin, the present chairman, is still in the field; the friends of Congressman J. Van Vechten Olcott are exceptionally confident; Mr. Parsons has made great strides; last night ex-Assemblyman Gheradi Davis entered the race, and there is talk that General E. A. McAlpin may become a

andidate.

There was a conference of the friends of Mr Olcott in the rooms of Senator Platt at the Hotel Gotham last night. This conference was called by Senator Platt. There were several at the conference who stated frankly that they would support Halpin. Others were non-con mittal, but the majority were for Olcott, Among those present were Senator Platt, Lemuel E. Congressman Olcott and W. M. K. Olcott, The following district leaders were present: Van Cott, of the 6th; March, 5th; Rosalsky, 8th; Eldman, 10th; Joveshof, 13th; Wanamaker, Gunner, 28th; Raymond, 33d; Reisenweber, 17th; Windolph, 11th; Newman, 32d; Pegnam,

Senator Platt opened the conference by saying that he thought the time had come when all local Republicans should get together and try to do something to redeem the local organization. He said that he believed every one speak freely, adding: "And I suppose I might as well start the discussion by reading you the following statement which I have prepared and which I intend to give to the papers:

Senator Platt goes to Washington Saturday to attend the opening of Congress. In his statement he said:

or two that I should like to say to the Republi-cans of New-York, high and low, and of every shade of party sentiment. I am too old a man to wish to resume pre-

ctsely those hard and trying responsibilities which I was once able and glad to discharge, but there is one duty at least that remains to me, and I believe it to be in equal degree the duty of every Republican who wants his party to me, and I believe it to be in equal degree the duty of every Republican who wants his party to be successful in this state, now or hereafter. I have been too much abused myself to take any pleasure in joining in an outery and clamor against any other man merely because it is popular to do so, and I shall not say one word of personal ill will toward Mr. Odell. The party organization throughout the State has been transformed from a solid, compact, well drilled

organization infrougnout the state has been transformed from a solid, compact, well drilled and effective army, into a weak, discortant, dissatisfied body, lacking confidence in itself and distrustful of its leadership.

The sole object of my activity in the New-York County situation is the recovery to the STOLE \$35,000 FROM U. S. To Invade Macedonia if Reform State organization of its oldtime vigor and quality. Mr. Odell's retirement will be a necessary consequence of his loss of the New-York County machine, and there is not a politician with hair an eye who does not see that this has been already accomplished. Of course, Mr. Odell will throw Mr. Halpin; but that cannot save him now. The choles of the computition must like her

throw Mr. Halpin; but that cannot save him now. The choice of the committee must lie between Congressman Olcott and some other man who is as much opposed to Odell and to a county organization subservient to Odell as Olcott is. The election of Mr. Parsons would be just as fatal to the survival of Odell's authority over the committee as would Mr. Olcott's, and between them personally I should have no choice except for two facts—first, that Mr. Olcott consented to make the fight when we were looking for a leader, and second, that he has much the larger following. The argument that Mr. Parsons makes for himself, that he represents the larger following. The argument the sons makes for himself, that he home rule issue, that he will be as of me as of Odell and that he will conduct the office irrespective of State or national influence, is weak on this account—that the Republican party in New-York County is a minority party, that it never has had a real party opportunity, that it never has won against Tammany, except by coalitions, which effectively deprived it of the fruits of victory, and that its organization, therefore, except through State and national associations, cannot command the resources with which to wage war against Tammany. Mr. which to wage war against Tammany. which to wage war against Tammany. Mr.
Parsons's programme to stand alone and do
things all by himself is not feasible. He would not be in office overnight before he would be
turning to the President or to Governor Higgins
or to me or to us all for support.
I advise the election of Mr. Olcott, therefore,
because, being a man of equal character, integrity, personal independence and good reputa-

tegrity, personal independence and good reputa-tion, with Mr. Parsons, or with any other man that could be named, he had the courage to come to the front and make this fight possible. The very announcement of his candidacy sounded the defeat of Halpin, or, rather, the defeat of the defeat of Halpin, or, rather, the defeat of Odell. I know, moreover, that Mr. Olcott stands high in the esteem of President Roosevelt, and that he has received already assurances of support from so many district leaders and delegates as to render his election more generally popular than would be that of any other man on whom the friends of reorganization could concentrate.

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Three great Republican districts, the 5th, the 19th and the 21st, are avowedly for him, and the same sentiment which in those districts, seek reorganization, is evidenced in the 25th, the 27th, the 29th and the 31st, by the candidacy of Mr. Parsons, the candidacy of Mr. Davis, the resolute opposition of the 29th to Halpin, and the declaration of the 31st for homerule. All this means the same thing—that these great Republican constituencies demand the party change that I have described. This is the sole purpose of my activity in the matter. There ought to be no difficulty, therefore, in heartily uniting on the right man, and, as between men equal in character, reputation and heartily uniting on the right man, and, as be-tween men equal in character, reputation and position, nothing can be clearer than that the right man is the one who has the largest sup-port. Mr. Olcott has this advantage. His can-didacy is not local. Its support comes from all over the city. Whether my influence, or any other man's, is a good one is not the main question. The service of a good cause always requires men to harmonize differences in inter-est and feeling. Mr. Olcott's character has the assurance of the quality of his work, and that it will be for the benefit of the party and for the strengthening of its organization in for the strengthening of its organization in every district,

At the end of the reading came a discussion that was general. The report of what occurred was not made public. It is known that some of those present said that they believed the time had come for the local organization to settle its own affairs. Some declared they would support Halpin. Windolph said that he would vote for Halpin if Halpin was a candidate, although he had urged him not to make a fight for the place. The conference lasted until late in the

Herbert Parsons and his friends were excep-Herbert Parsons and his friends were exceptionally confident last night. The statement of Governor Higgins relating to the candidacy of Mr. Parsons was construed as a tacit indorsement of his position, and this helped wonderfully. The friends of Congressman Olcott said that they had about three hundred votes pledged. William Halpin would not discuss the situation. Ex-Governor Odell was at headquarters the greater part of the day, but he would not talk about the contest.

Gheradi Davis entered the race yesterday. The announcement of his candidacy came through resolution adopted by the Republican organization of the 27th District, where Mr. Davis lives. The resolution is as follows:

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